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The Most Stressful Jobs

Recently, my nine-year-old son proudly _____¹ to me that he wanted to become a commercial airline pilot when he grows up. I'm happy for him because he spends hours reading books about airplanes, and he loves to play airplane game apps. It's great to know what career you want at such a young age. As well, the average _____² salary for an airline pilot is quite good: US\$105,270. Also, being an airline pilot means that you might travel to many _____³ locations around the world, places that most people might never get a chance to see. However, I wonder if his choice of career is one that I should _____⁴. You see, this morning I googled "most stressful jobs" and I discovered that my son's dream career is actually the third most stressful job on a list of top ten most stressful jobs. This _____ because as a pilot you are _____ the lives of hundreds of people, you are away from home for many days at a time, and you may have to fly through many different _____ which can be very difficult to _____. Number one on the list was "military personnel" (soldier) and number two was "firefighter". Of course, jobs like these are very dangerous – you must put your life in danger almost daily. Interestingly, however, "taxi driver" was also on the list (at number ten).